

SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS – Please circle your choices

Name of Deceased

The Order of Christian Funerals permits the following choices for scripture readings. There may be an Old Testament reading, or a New Testament reading, or one of each. One text, chosen from the Gospels, is always read by the priest or deacon.

First Reading from the Old Testament

- 2 Maccabees 12:43-46 It is good and holy to think of the dead rising again.
- Job 19:1, 23-27 I know that my redeemer lives.
- Wisdom 3:1-9 The souls of the just are in the hand of God.
- Wisdom 4:7-15 The just man, though he die early, shall be at rest.
- Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9 The Lord God will destroy death forever.
- Lamentations 3:17-26 The favors of the Lord are not exhausted.
- Daniel 12:1-3 Of those who lie sleeping, many will awake.

First Reading from the New Testament for Easter Time

- Acts 10:34-43 In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.
- Revelation 14:13 Happy are those who die in the Lord.
- Revelation 20:11-21:1 The dead have been judged.
- Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7 I saw a new heaven and a new earth.

New Testament Readings

- Romans 5:5-11 While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- Romans 5:17-21 Where sin increased, grace abounded all the more.
- Romans 6:3-9 Let us walk in newness of life.
- Romans 8:14-23 We wait for the redemption of our bodies.
- Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39 What will separate us from the love of Christ?
- Romans 14:7-9; 10b-12 Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.
- I Cor 15:20-28 All people will be brought to life in Christ.
- I Cor 15:51-57 Death is swallowed up in victory.
- II Cor 4:14-5:1 The one who raised Jesus will raise us also.
- II Cor 5:1, 6-10 We walk by faith, not by sight.
- Philippians 3:20-21 Our citizenship is in heaven.
- I Thess 4:13-18 We shall stay with the Lord forever.
- II Timothy 2:8-13 If we have died with him, we shall live with him.
- I John 3:1-2 We may be called children of God; yet so we are.
- I John 3:14-16 We have passed from death to life.

Gospel Readings

- Matthew 5:1-12a Blessed are they who mourn.
- Matthew 11:25-30 Come to me...and I will give you rest.
- Matthew 25:1-13 Look, the bridegroom comes; go out to meet him.
- Matthew 25:31-46 Come, you whom my Father has blessed.
- Mark 15:33-39; 16:1-6 Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.
- Luke 7:11-17 Young man, I say to you, arise.
- Luke 12:35-40 Blessed are those servants who are vigilant.
- Luke 23:33, 39-40 Today you will be with me in paradise.
- Luke 23:44-46, 50, 52-53; 24:1-6a Father, I put my life in your hands.
- Luke 24:13-35 They knew him in the breaking of the bread.
- John 5:24-29 Whoever hears and believes has eternal life.
- John 6:37-40 Everyone who believes may have eternal life.
- John 6:51-58 Whoever eats this bread will live forever.
- John 11:17-27 I am the resurrection and the life.
- John 11:32-45 Lazarus, come out.
- John 12:23-28 Unless a grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies....
- John 14:1-6 There are many rooms in my Father's house.
- John 17:24-26 Where I am they also may be with me.
- John 19:17-18, 25-39 Jesus bowed his head and gave up his spirit.